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LIGHTWAVE SIGNALS

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

This is responsive to the final Office Action dated July 23, 2002, in connection with the above-referenced patent application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

The applicants have amended the claims 1 and 5 and added claims 30 - 33, as follows.

1. (Amended) A semiconductor device comprising:

a buried grating;
a waveguide core;
an absorption section; and

a tuning section for changing an effective index of said grating.

5. (Amended) A semiconductor photodetector device comprising:

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